OIB - HU-25C Guardian #524 09/11/16 Science Report

Aircraft:

HU-25A Guardian #524 (See full schedule)

Date:

Sunday, September 11, 2016

Mission: OIB

Mission Location:

Kangerlussuaq, Greenland

Mission Summary:

Mission: Falcon IceSat-2 Central (priority: high)

This mission is a shortened version of the mission of the same name flown in Spring 2016. The purpose is to fly IceSat-2 ground tracks in a region of slow-moving ice near Kangerlussuaq. Additional portions of that original design are flown in the Falcon Mop-up 1 mission.

As we expected from our morning weather brief, the high pressure centered near Summit brought mild outflow to the west-central flank of the ice sheet near Kangerlussuaq. This outflow had the effect of gradually dissipating the fog and low stratus present in this area earlier today. As a result we lost only a few km at the extreme southern and northern ends of the westernmost IceSat-2 line, for 99% successful data acquisition.

All instruments performed well, with the exception of the FLIR camera which shut off early in the mission. It was eventually restarted successfully, but only after landing.

We conducted a ramp pass at 3500' AGL.

Data volumes:

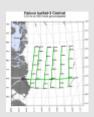
CAMBOT: 11 Gb images Narrow Swath ATM: 20 Gb

FLIR: 0.5 Gb

total data collection time: 3.4 hrs

Images:

Map of Falcon - IceSat-2 Central



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Margin of ice sheet with clouds



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Submitted by:

John Sonntag on 09/11/16 Related Flight Report:

HU-25A Guardian #524 09/11/16

Flight Number:

OIB 2016 on HU-25 #29

Payload Configuration:

ATM

Nav Data Collected:

No

Total Flight Time:

3.7 hours

Submitted by:

Richard Yasky on 09/11/16

Flight Segments:

From:	BGSF	То:	BGSF		
Start:	09/11/16 15:23 Z	Finish:	09/11/16 19:03 Z		
Flight Time:	3.7 hours				
Log Number:	<u>16F003</u>	PI:	Nathan Kurtz		
Funding Source:	Thomas Wagner - NASA - SMD - ESD Cryosphere & International Polar Year				
Purpose of Flight:	Science				
Comments:	ICESAT 2 Central route flown. Reversed route to take advantage of expected clearing weather. Transect W-E had about 40 NM obscured by low clouds. Five N-S lines were clear and final N_S line closest to Kanger was about 75% clear for data. Got a 3500 ft ramp AGL pass in prior to landing.				

Flight Hour Summary:

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Flight Hours Approved in SOFRS	121.25
Total Used	126.9
Total Remaining	-5.65

16F003 Flight Reports						
Date	Fit #	Purpose of Flight	Duration	Running Total	Hours Remaining	
06/29/16	OIB 2016 on HU25A ICF	Science	2	2	119.25	
07/11/16	OIB 2016 on HU25A #1	Ferry	2.6	4.6	116.65	
07/11/16	OIB 2016 on HU25A #2	Ferry	2.5	7.1	114.15	
<u>07/11/16 -</u> <u>07/12/16</u>	OIB 2016 on HU25A #3	Ferry	2.2	9.3	111.95	
<u>07/12/16 -</u> <u>07/13/16</u>	OIB 2016 on HU25A #4	Ferry	2.6	11.9	109.35	
07/13/16	OIB 2016 on HU25A #5	Science	3.4	15.3	105.95	
07/14/16	OIB 2016 on HU25A #6	Science	3.5	18.8	102.45	
07/15/16	OIB 2016 on HU25A #7	Science	3.7	22.5	98.75	
<u>07/19/16 -</u> <u>07/20/16</u>	OIB 2016 on HU25A #8	Science	3.6	26.1	95.15	
07/20/16	OIB 2016 on HU25A #9	Science	3.4	29.5	91.75	
07/21/16	OIB 2016 on HU25A #10	Science	3.6	33.1	88.15	
07/22/16	OIB 2016 on HU25A #11	Ferry	3.9	37	84.25	

07/22/16	OIB 2016 on HU25A #12	Ferry	3.2	40.2	81.05
07/22/16	OIB 2016 on HU25A #13	Ferry	2.1	42.3	78.95
08/23/16	OIB 2016 on HU- 25 #14		2.3	44.6	76.65
08/25/16	OIB 2016 on HU- 25 #15		3.2	47.8	73.45
08/25/16	OIB 2016 on HU- 25 #16		2.2	50	71.25
08/27/16	OIB 2016 on HU- 25 #17		3.7	53.7	67.55
08/29/16	OIB 2016 on HU- 25 #18		3.8	57.5	63.75
08/29/16	OIB 2016 on HU- 25 #19		3.5	61	60.25
09/01/16	OIB 2016 on HU- 25 #20		3.4	64.4	56.85
09/02/16	OIB 2016 on HU- 25 #21		3.8	68.2	53.05
09/02/16	OIB 2016 on HU- 25 #22		3.8	72	49.25
09/05/16	OIB 2016 on HU- 25 #23		0.6	72.6	48.65
09/06/16	OIB 2016 on HU- 25 #24		3.5	76.1	45.15
09/09/16	OIB 2016 on HU- 25 #25		3.5	79.6	41.65
09/09/16	OIB 2016 on HU- 25 #26		3.5	83.1	38.15
09/10/16	OIB 2016 on HU- 25 #27		3	86.1	35.15
09/11/16	OIB 2016 on HU- 25 #28		3.9	90	31.25
09/11/16	OIB 2016 on HU- 25 #29		3.7	93.7	27.55
09/12/16	OIB 2016 on HU- 25 #30		3.3	97	24.25
09/12/16	OIB 2016 on HU- 25 #31		2.7	99.7	21.55
09/13/16	OIB 2016 on HU- 25 #32		4	103.7	17.55
09/13/16	OIB 2016 on HU- 25 #33		2.9	106.6	14.65
09/15/16	OIB 2016 on HU- 25 #34		3.7	110.3	10.95
09/16/16	OIB 2016 on HU- 25 #35		2.4	112.7	8.55
09/16/16	OIB 2016 on HU- 25 #35		1.7	114.4	6.85
09/16/16	OIB 2016 on HU- 25 #35		1.7	116.1	5.15
09/17/16	OIB 2016 on HU- 25 #38		2.8	118.9	2.35
09/17/16	OIB 2016 on HU- 25 #38		2.9	121.8	-0.55
09/19/16	OIB 2016 on HU- 25 #40	Ferry	2.5	124.3	-3.05

09/19/16 OIB 2016 on HU-25 #40 Ferry 2.6 126.9 -5.65

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